

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1367

By West

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Wesley William Harmon on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Harmon will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on June 6, 2008, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Nashville community, Mr. Harmon is an exemplary public servant who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Wesley Harmon answered Uncle Sam's patriotic call to duty and valiantly defended this country in the South Pacific; after the war, he rendered astute service in the administration of Mayor Ben West, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, after many years of serving with acumen and alacrity, Mr. Harmon retired from the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department, in which position he distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Wesley Harmon also worked for the State Parole Board and served thirteen commendable years as the Sergeant of Arms in the Tennessee General Assembly, where he epitomized the spirit and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Harmon approaches his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events such as the

American Legion and the Masons and Shriners, of which he has been a member for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Harmon's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active and devout member of the United Methodist Church, worshipping faithfully at Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church as a member of the Shadetree class; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Harmon was joined in marriage with Martha Pace for forty-two years before her passing, and the couple's blessed union produced two daughters, Eva Harmon Lane and Jane Harmon Faulkner; and

WHEREAS, he is immensely fortunate to have found love again with the former Mary Jeanne Pride, with whom he has shared twenty-five wonderful years, and he is exceedingly proud of his three step-children, Mike Pride, Melody Pride Harmon, and Mark Pride; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Wesley William Harmon on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.